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because we have not kept faith with the voters, we must eliminate this tax. It is the only way to bring fairness to our tax system. And sometimes during draftsmanship or whatever, a bill isn't exactly the way you would want it if you had your druthers but in the last analysis you must remember the important thing, that the people of Nebraska, the poor people of Nebraska, have paid unfairly a tax on food that hits the poor the hardest, does not recognize the ability to pay and our credit system has not kept pace. We are unwilling to keep that credit where it is supposed to be and for those reasons and the fact that the cities have not granted a credit, for those reasons, we need to pass 363 and Senator Labeledz's amendment will not help us do that and with that in mind I want to remind you. Those of you who do believe that we must eliminate this tax, this unfair and unjust tax, we've got to dance with the folks that brung us. I urge you to support LB 363.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Call the question.

PRESIDENT: The Chair will allow the debate to go on.
Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, you know by October 1st all these people that have earned three-fourths of that tax credit and what we are doing is stealing that from them. We are putting a \$21 surtax on everyone in this state. Now I'll go along with eliminating the food, the tax on food, but you know I was lying in bed last night and I was trying to think how much money that Jesse James has stolen off of the people and it was a little over \$1 million as near as I can figure and everyone in the country was shooting at him. Here with one fell swoop you are going to take \$11 million off of people and just steal it from them. I cannot go along with that. I can understand what Senator DeCamp is doing. He says we are paying for this right now. We aren't paying for it. The people are paying for it. You are just really cheating the people when you do this. I think Senator Labeledz at least has a reasonable amendment that would bring this back so the people would not be losing \$11 million. I just think it is wrong to do it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to oppose the Labeledz amendment. I have been down in the Legislature seven years now and it seems to me like